



## NOTICE TO ALL PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS OF BPPVE APPROVED SCHOOLS

The Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989 (Act), including the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education (BPPVE), became inoperative on July 1, 2007 and the Act itself was repealed on January 1, 2008.

Legislation addressed this “sunset” of the BPPVE, most recently SB 45 (Perata, 2007), which extended a school’s previous approval to operate for purposes of qualifying for licensure or examination until January 1, 2009.

This means that the Board of Psychology will continue to accept as qualifying for licensure doctorate degrees in psychology from the approved institutions that are listed below if conferred on or before January 1, 2009. Unless there is a change in the law, doctorate degrees conferred after January 1, 2009, from these institutions will no longer meet the minimum qualifications for licensure under the Psychology Licensing Law unless the school becomes regionally or nationally accredited by a recognized accrediting body and the degree is conferred after the institution receives accreditation.

School	City
California Graduate Institute	Los Angeles
California Institute for Human Science	Encinitas (San Diego)
Center for Psychological Studies	Berkeley
California Southern University (AKA Southern California University for Professional Studies)	Santa Ana
Graduate Center for Child Development & Psychotherapy	Los Angeles
Institute of Imaginal Studies	Petaluma (Sonoma)
Newport University	Newport Beach
Professional School of Psychology	Sacramento
Ryokan College	Los Angeles
San Diego University for Integrative Studies	San Diego
Southern California Psychoanalytical Institute	Beverly Hills
Trinity College of Graduate Studies	Anaheim

Below is a list of the most common accrediting organizations and their websites. To verify a school’s accreditation please visit the website of the accrediting body.

- 1) Middle State Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA-CHE) [www.msche.org](http://www.msche.org)
- 2) New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE) [www.neasc.org](http://www.neasc.org)
- 3) North Central Association (NCA-CASI) [www.ncacasi.org](http://www.ncacasi.org)
- 4) North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA-HLC)  
[www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org)
- 5) Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) [www.nwccu.org](http://www.nwccu.org)
- 6) Souther Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) [www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org)

- 7) Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (WASC-ACSCU) [www.wascweb.org](http://www.wascweb.org)
- 8) Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (WASC-ACCJC) [www.accjc.org](http://www.accjc.org)

If the accrediting body of the institution is not listed above please contact the Board's Licensing Unit at (916) 263-2699 option 2 to verify eligibility of the school.

The Board cannot advise you on whether to enroll in any program (including those affected by the sunset of the BPPVE). However, the Board is committed to providing you with facts that can help you make an informed decision.

This notice does not apply to individuals who acquire a foreign doctorate degree. These applicants shall provide the Board with a comprehensive evaluation of the degree performed by a foreign credential evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Service.